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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
EIPEL et al.

International Application
PCT/EP 97/03571

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For: SOLID SUPPORTS FOR ANALYTICAL MEASURING PROCESSES, A PROCESS
FOR THEIR PREPARATION, AND THEIR USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

N/E Page 11 of the claims, indicated line 35, replace "11.
[sic]" with --7.--;

N/E indicated line 39, replace "12.[sic]"
with --8--.

1/10 Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert
--claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4" and insert
--claim 1--.

Newly renumbered claim 7, lines 1 and 2, delete "or 6".

N/E Newly renumber claim 8, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to
4" and insert --claim 1--.

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-12 were amended in the international preliminary examination. An English language translation of the amended claims is attached. The claims were incorrectly numbered in the